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I encourage Lucia to continue to study and follow her passions for applied science and social issues. I wish nothing but the best for the her and her family and wish her continued success as she faces the challenges of college and beyond.●

COMMENDING DR. NANCY ZIMPHER

● Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, today I honor the accomplishments of Dr. Nancy Zimpher, president of the University of Cincinnati. For the last 5 years, Dr. Zimpher has served the university, its students, and the Cincinnati community, and she will soon leave to become the chancellor of the State University of New York.

An Ohio native, President Zimpher earned her academic credentials at the Ohio State University and has devoted her professional life to improving higher education for America's young people. In 2003, she became the 25th president, and the first woman to lead the University of Cincinnati. Shortly after her arrival, UC embarked on a comprehensive strategic plan to transform the University of Cincinnati into one of the nation's top research universities. Dr. Zimpher's work resulted in a significant increase in the graduation rate along with nearly a 10-percent increase in university enrollment.

During her tenure at UC, President Zimpher has been highly engaged on the national and regional level regarding education policy. As chair of the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities, Dr. Zimpher was heavily involved in issues surrounding the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and was a strong advocate for issues facing urban research universities.

I have had the opportunity to work closely with Dr. Zimpher on issues relating to workforce development. Dr. Zimpher served on the host committee of our inaugural Ohio College Presidents' Conference, where she was instrumental in forming partnerships between universities and employers. One of Dr. Zimpher's greatest achievements at UC was the founding of Strive, a Cincinnati-northern Kentucky collaborative focused on college access and success. This partnership involves higher education institutions in the Cincinnati region, urban P-12 school districts in Cincinnati and northern Kentucky, as well as business, civic, and nonprofit organizations. As President Obama has recognized through the creation of the Promise Neighborhoods initiative, these types of partnerships are essential to the health of urban communities like Cincinnati.

The State of Ohio, the city of Cincinnati, and the university are grateful

to President Zimpher for her service. I am confident the university will continue to grow and increase in national stature because of her hard work and leadership. I wish her the best in her new position at SUNY and I know that we will continue to work together in the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 325. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project.

H.R. 689. An act to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1120. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1280. An act to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

H.R. 1380. An act to establish a grant program for automated external defibrillators in elementary and secondary schools.

H.R. 1393. An act to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1662. An act to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require child care providers to provide to parents information regarding whether such providers carry current liability insurance.

H.R. 2330. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System.

H.R. 2430. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

H. J. Res. 40. Joint resolution to honor the achievements and contributions of Native

Americans to the United States, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 325. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

S. 1144. A bill to improve transit services; including in rural States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1754. A communication from the Chief of Publications and Regulations, Internal